

REMARKSI. Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2004, claim 19 has been amended. Claims 19-23 remain in the application. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II. Claim Amendments

Applicants' attorney has made amendments to the claims as indicated above. Applicants' attorney sincerely thanks Examiner Winston for his helpful comments in the outstanding office action.

III. Non-Art Rejections

On page (2) of the Office Action, claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

Applicants have amended claim 19 to overcome this rejection.

IV. Prior Art Rejections

On page (3) of the Office Action, claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Sharon, U.S. Patent No. 6,335,163 (Sharon).

Applicants' amendment to claim 19 overcomes this rejection.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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